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Morning Tonic

(Johnson.)

CHARITY is a universal duty, which it is in
every man's power sometimes to practice,
since every degree of assistance given to another,
upon proper motives, is an act of charity; and
there is scarcely any man in such a state of im-
becility as that he may not, on some occasions,
benefit his neighbor.

Sunrise in the Sunny South

(By N. C. PYLES.)

DURING the quiet, restful hours of the night,
"hands of angels, hidden from mortal eyes,"
are changing the scenery of the heavens and when
the "cock's shrill clarion" has signaled the ap-
proach of dawn, the early riser can witness: first,
the soft-tinged heavens in the east, then a deeper
and deeper tinge till Old Sol again begins to shed
his genial rays over mountain tops down into the
valleys, fields and meadows, awakening from their
slumbers all living creatures; transforming my-
riads of tiny dew-drops into sparkling diamonds;
gladdening the tasseling corn; turning to gold rich
fields of waving grain; ripening luscious fruits of
orchard and vineyard; filling to overflowing the
gracious horn of plenty; painting rainbows in the
sky; lining with silver floating clouds; causing to
rejoice the goldenrod, the daisy and the butter
cup; making still more beautiful and fragrant the
rose, the jessamine, the magnolia and the orange
blossom; giving a tinge of red to the pale bloom
of the cotton, one of the staple crops of our own
beautiful and glorious Sunny South. "The Land
of Dixie," "The Gem of America," "The Land of
the Free and the Home of the Brave."
Columbia, S. C.

Woodrow Wilson confesses that he uses bor-
rowed brains. How different from a certain pre-
decessor who could not be told anything at all!

It gets plainer and plainer why England has
been willing to let the United States shoulder all
the responsibility it wanted to in Mexico. John
Bull has all the diversion he needs.

Marion Butler and Vic Murdock are against
repeal of tolls exemption, and that is some more
reason for believing that the exemption ought
to be repealed.

Charlotte is now endeavoring to gather in Passi-
fren Institute. The Charlotte spirit keeps Char-
lotte always in the acquisitive mood, and that is
one of the things that makes a city grow.

Yesterday was the first day of spring. But the
season slipped a cog somewhere on the way and
few bleaker days were seen during the winter.
The winter of 1913-1914 will have a place in me-
teorological history.

It has been ascertained that as far back as 1827,
the German poet, Goethe, predicted that the
United States would build the Panama Canal.
Goethe was a wise man. He recognized the na-
tion that could deliver the goods.

There is every indication that the investment of
Torreón will add to General Villa's military pres-
tige. He seems to be a man of many faults, but
in a military way he looms far larger than any
other figure that has appeared in the Mexican war.

HAIL TO THE GROUND HOG.

If ever a prophet has proved his right to be held
in esteem as a real prophet the Ground Hog of
1914 is to the front while the band plays and the
crowds cheer. Hail to the weather forecaster who
has made good!

Not that we applaud the kind of weather which
has been handed out to us since the second day of
February. Not a bit of that, for if the Ground
Hog were responsible for that we should here
arise and move a unanimous vote to name him
Anathema. But the Ground Hog is in a bomb-
proof position as to this. He don't make the
weather. He simply puts you on guard as to bad
weather, and bids you rejoice if its going to be
good weather.

The second day of February, you will recall,
gave us sunshine. The Ground Hog emerged from
his habitat, yawned after his long nap, took a
look around, and saw his shadow. Not a mo-
ment did he tarry, but scurried back into his hole.
He knew, wise Ground Hog, that the sun was
only playing a trick, that it appeared but to dis-
appear, and in his shadow saw the coming of
wind and rain and snow and sleet and hail, of
stormy weather.

And all these we have had since February sec-
ond, had them in so full measure that we have
cried, "Hold, Enough," but the stormy brand of
weather has kept on coming. His forty days of
waiting gone, the Ground Hog took another peep-
out on March fourteen. Alack and alas, again
he saw his shadow, again he scurried into his hole,
for twelve more days of inclement weather he felt
were in store. And again has he proven a prophet
worthy of honor, even in his own country, for in
the eight days since then the weather has lived
up to the Ground Hog predictions. Four days
more of it are to come, and then, on the reputa-
tion of the Ground Hog, we are to have a rest
from inclement weather.

Therefore: Hail to the Ground Hog! He has
put to rout the scoffers, he has made good, he has
propheesied by his shadow route the kind of
weather we have had and he deserves the praise.
We commend him to the Weather Bureau men
for a job—one with a salary to it—because he has
hit the bull's eye, has rung the bell. The Ground
Hog is all right, but next year let us hope he will
not see his shadow on the second of February.

A CHALLENGE TO CIVILIZATION!

A citizen of Johnston county was called out of
his house in the night and shot to death the past
week.

This in North Carolina and in the Twentieth
Century.

The name of the dead man is Weeks. His
assassination followed the exposure of an illicit
distillery in his neighborhood, and the arrest of
one Lee, who is alleged to have been connected
with it. It is reported that Weeks was suspected
of having informed the United States revenue
officers of the location of the distillery alleged to
have been run by Lee.

Here is a challenge to civilization!

Can a man be assassinated in North Carolina
and his assassins go free? If so, our civilization
is nothing to boast of. Is our government not
strong enough to protect the lives of its citizens?

The question is up first of all to the sheriff of
Johnston county. It is his duty to hunt the as-
sassin of Mr. Weeks until he finds him, and then
turn him over to the court. But the question
goes farther than this.

It is up to the Solicitor of the Johnston District.
Indeed it is up to the Governor of North Carolina.
There may be no influential friends of the dead
man to offer rewards for the arrest and convic-
tion of his cowardly assassins. There may be
none to petition the Governor to offer a reward.
But the blood of Weeks cries out to this State.

Nay, verily; it is up to the people of North
Carolina. If Weeks paid the price of his life for
enforcing the Law of North Carolina, the people
of North Carolina for their own sakes and for the
Law's sake must see to it that his slayers are
overtaken and punished by the Law. If neces-
sary the whole region of the assassination should
be filled with officers to see to it that life is secure
in North Carolina.

Your Excellency, the Governor, Mr. High Sheriff
of Johnston county, Mr. Solicitor, People of North
Carolina, here is a challenge to our civilization!
How shall it be answered?

Factories Running Overtime.

Although it is very evident that there has been
an organized and systematic effort to discredit
the Wilson administration by making it appear
that there are more unemployed people in the
country than in many years and that suffering is
unprecedentedly great in the centers of popula-
tion, the facts to the contrary are so patent that

the charges are not being seriously considered by
people who think.

The New York Herald, a newspaper which re-
cites facts as it finds them and which is inde-
pendent in its politics, has been consistent in its
view that the changes in the tariff and other leg-
islation effected by the present administration
and Congress have not hurt business, though of
course new laws of such far-reaching importance,
in the nature of the case, could not be put in
effect without some uneasiness in financial and
industrial circles. The Herald insists that the
country has adjusted itself to changed conditions
and that business is now growing better all
the time.

The New York newspaper is constantly pre-
senting collections of facts to support its conten-
tion, one of the latest being a letter from Gordon
Mory, a member of the firm of Mory & Thorne, a
New York concern representing seven factories
distributed over the country. In this letter the
assertion is made that all of these factories is
running overtime and is behind with deliveries.

There is no way of getting around facts like
these and many others of like nature which
might be cited and have been cited from time to
time. Mills are enlarging, output is being in-
creased, business generally is good. The country,
has adjusted itself to the new conditions and the
ship of state, so far as industrial and financial
conditions are concern, is running on a smooth
keel.

The Elon College man who won over seven com-
petitors at Greensboro Friday night in the debate
preliminary to the Peace Congress, was named
William Jennings Bryan Truitt, and a man with
a name like that was under special compulsion to
make good.

In appointing Robert Lansing, of New York, to
succeed John Bassett Moore as Chief Counsellor
of the State Department and Cone Johnson, of
Texas, to succeed Joseph W. Folk as solicitor of
the department, President Wilson seems to have
used his customary good judgment. Both are
men with records for achievement.

Exchange remarks that the St. Louis brewer
who died and left a fortune of forty million dol-
lars contributed some contradiction to the popu-
lar idea that all the money of the country flows
into Wall Street. Perhaps, still it does not follow
that because money flows into Wall Street it
must stay there.

"We know so much at sixty," says former Pres-
ident Taft. "we think we ought to rush in and aid
the young men and women to avoid the same
pitfalls." But, unhappily, you never can tell how
bad a pitfall is until you have struck its bottom.
There are some things that can be learned only
by experience.

Indiana is fortunate in its Senators. But for
the influence of Messrs. Shively and Kern the
State-wide primary would probably have been
rejected by the platform committee of the Demo-
cratic State Convention just closed. Everything
looks good for another Democratic victory in the
Hoosier State this fall.

Twelve hundred and thirty counties in the
United States have outstanding highway bonds
to the amount of a quarter of a billion dollars.
This shows how strong a hold the realization of
the need for good roads has taken upon the minds
of the people. North Carolina is one of the most
progressive of the States in good roads work,
but it should not weary in well-doing.

Sampson county and the State lost a good citi-
zen when Mr. A. F. Howard, of Salemburg, passed
away Friday night. A successful farmer, a friend
of schools, a loyal worker for the political prin-
ciples that he believed to be right, faithful to his
church, kind in his home and thoughtful of his
neighbors, he was indeed a good citizen and a
shining example of a life well lived.

Mr. Charles N. Evans, president of the Atlantic
Trust and Banking Company, of Wilmington, goes
to Baltimore as assistant to the president of the
Equitable Mortgage and Trust Company. This is
a promotion for Mr. Evans and one well earned.
A trained bank man, with energy and the habit of
application, he has gone steadily forward in his
vocation and set an example of how to win suc-
cess by deserving it.

We have had the Society for the Prevention of
Useless Giving, the Society for the Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals and several other organiza-
tions of a prophylactic nature. Now comes out of
Washington the Society for the Prevention of
Useless Calling. Mrs. D. U. Fletcher, wife of one
of the Senators from Florida, is the benefactress
who has launched this society whose possibilities
in the way of conserving nervous energy are per-
fectly obvious.